

REMARKS

Claims 24, 26-44, 47-52, 55-56 and 80-110 are pending in the present application.

Claims 83-110 have been allowed. Applicants have cancelled claims 24, 26-44, 47-52, 55-56 and 80-82 without prejudice or disclaimer.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 24, 26-37, 42-44, 47-50, 56 and 80-82 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Lauterbach (U.S. Patent No. 4,614,674) or Chang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,472,649). Applicants have obviated this rejection by canceling claims 24, 26-37, 42-44, 47-50, 56 and 80-82 without prejudice or disclaimer.

II. Objection under 37 C.F.R § 1.75


Claims 38-41, 51, 52 and 55 stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75 as being substantially duplicative of claims 104-110. Applicants have obviated this objection by canceling claims 38-41, 51, 52 and 55 without prejudice or disclaimer.

III. Allowed Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 83-110 are allowed. Applicants respectfully request that the application be passed to issue.

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